

ROSCOE ARBUCKLE ACQUITTED OF MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Verdict of Jury Was Reached by Acclamation, the Deliberation Taking Less Than One Minute—Arbuckle Received the Verdict With a Great Sigh of Relief—There Was No Demonstration, the Court Having Warned Against It

San Francisco, April 12.—A verdict of acquittal was returned by a jury tonight in the third trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge growing out of the death of Miss Virginia Rappé, motion picture actress. The

The defendant received the verdict with a sense of relief. There was no demonstration, the court having warned against it. Mrs. Minnie Durfee Arubuck, the defendant's wife, cried quietly. Both she and Arubuck shook hands with the jurors.

The quick return of the jury was a

The defense evidence was to the effect that Miss Ruppe came to her death as the result of a sudden crisis in a chronic illness, which led to a rupture.

As in the second trial, fourteen jurors heard the case, two of the number being alternates. Four of the regular jurors and one alternate were women.

Edward Brown, whose presence on the jury was objected to by the prosecution, was foreman. There was a slight delay when the jury returned due to the absence of the district attorney.

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**TO TEST PUBLIC OPINION
WITH ARBUCKLE PICTURES**

New York, April 12.—One of Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle's comedy drama pictures will be released to the public

The third trial began March 6 and was marked by the appearance of approximately seventy witnesses and the calling of two of the defense witnesses within 30 days in a test of public opinion. It was announced tonight by Adolph Zukor, president of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, when informed of the comedian's acquittal.

"As to Mr. Arbuckle's future activities in motion pictures it may be said to depend on the results of the trial."

before the county grand jury in connection with their testimony. The trial was longer than either of the previous hearings, consuming nearly five weeks.

As in the previous hearings, much emphasis was placed on expert medical testimony regarding the exact condition

of Miss Rappe's bladder before and after death. This testimony was based on an autopsy finding that Miss Rappe	If the demand exists. "Mr. Arubuckle will not act for the present."
LATEST WORK BY BANDITS IN NEW YORK CITY	FEDERATION OF CHURCHES REPRIMANDS BIRD S. COL

New York, April 12.—While bandits turned their attention to the looting of stores today, Mayor Hylan and Comptroller Craig joined in assuring Police Commissioner Enright that he would get

"Just because the aldermen appropriated only enough money for 310 men," said the mayor, "It does not mean the commissioner will not get his full number. It will take him some time to get

Comptroller Craig declared that even if the aldermen could not find a way to get more money, "another way" would be provided, but he did not explain what it would be.

Most of the criminal activity of today was confined to small retail stores. This afternoon Frank Kezek, an electrician, was caught in a cellar just ten minutes after a store on Broadway had been robbed and Morton Lipp, clerk in the store, had been shot in the leg.

Liipp was wounded when he called for the police as a bandit took \$41 from the cash register. A traffic policeman who happened to be near saw Biesek running, followed him into the cellar and arrested him.

Earlier in the day two shoe stores were

robbed of a total of \$1,000 but no trace of the hold-up men was found. A Brooklyn man was hit with a blackjack and robbed of \$135 by two thugs who got away.

Magistrate Hatting today dismissed the short affidavit which had been used to

hold Patrick and John McCallum, brothers, on suspicion of shooting Assistant Corporation Counsel Cronk last Friday night, on the ground that there was no evidence to how they had done the shooting.

Assistant District Attorney Hennis

The executive committee of the citizens' committee directing the army drill will meet tomorrow to decide definitely what action to take regarding Mr. Spier's dual relations.

GUNMAN KILLED IN DUEL

It had been determined that the shot which killed Crone was fired by Patrolman Duffy in a fight with two alleged thieves. Mr. Crone, an innocent bystander, received a bullet intended for one of the thieves.

FLOOD CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT

Boston, April 12.—Several New England water courses, notably the Connecticut river, went journeying outside their

Two train derailments were directly caused by the rains of the last two days in New Hampshire and Vermont. At

Sunapee, N. H., the engineer, fireman and head brakeman of a freight train were killed when their train struck a washout in the road-bed and plunged into Lake Sunapee. Traffic between New York and Montreal on the Rutland railroad was tied up today by a landslide at Danby.

Sixteen feet of water were rushing over

dam at Bellows Falls this afternoon, and the Connecticut was still rising. Shacks and small buildings, as well as quantities of debris which the river had picked up in back yards bordering on its banks, were borne down with the flood.

**FEAR THAT COTTAGES
MAY BE SWEEPED AWAY**

Springfield, Mass., April 12.—Fear was expressed tonight in Northampton that cottages on the Northampton side of the

Connecticut river may be swept away before morning by the rapidly rising water. A number of houses in the Meadow road section have been cut off, necessitating the use of boats. A stiff current in a stream several feet deep in Williams street has weakened foundations of houses.

and carried away small shacks. The Deerfield and Green rivers, tributaries of the Connecticut, ran wild today, and the Meadows and property along the west side of Deerfield street in Deerfield were submerged. A number of cellars were reported flooded.

**DEPUTY SHERIFFS HUNTING
FOR GENERAL SEMENOFF**
New York, April 12.—General Gregorie
Semenoff, ataman of the Cossacks, was

The general is still registered at the Waldorf-Astoria, and his attorneys de-

ly. He was fined \$150.